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Application No.: 10/602,626

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Status of Application: **FINAL**

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1. Proposed Date of Interview: 15 August 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.
2. Type of Interview Requested: Personal
3. No Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated.
4. Issues To Be Discussed

Issues(Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed
102	16-19, 21- 27, and 29- 31	Publ. 2002/0149705 ("Allen").		
103	1-6, 8-15, 20, and 28	Allen in View of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,970 ("Burgess")		

5. Proposed Amendments:

Below are proposed amendments that attempt to clarify the scope of the claimed invention over the prior art.

Claim Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing electronic communications management capability for managing a unique identity owned by an identity owner, wherein the unique identity is accessible through an associated reference, the method comprising:

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providing identity access tools for allowing the identity owner to select a set of authorized identities that have rights to communicate with the identity owner, wherein the authorized identities correspond to different types of electronic devices; and

providing device selection tools for allowing the identity owner to select at least one electronic device for reception of communications, wherein the at least one electronic device is authorized, by the identity owner, to accept communications from the authorized identities based on at least one of a time associated with the communications or a format associated with the communications.

With respect to independent claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the cited prior art, including Allen, fails to disclose, among other things, *providing identity access tools for allowing the identity owner to select a set of authorized identities that have rights to communicate with the identity owner*, as recited in independent claim 1. The Office relies upon Allen, at FIG 5., paragraphs [0026], [0063]–[0066], and [0091]–[0093] to teach the above element of claim 1. The cited portions of Allen describe managing a contact list by synching contact among different devices. Nothing in the cited portions of Allen teach or suggest an identity owner that authorizes selected identities to communicate with the identity owner. Further, Allen fails to teach or suggest authorizing at least one electronic device to accept communications from the authorized selected identities based on at least one of a time associated with the communication or a format associated with the communication.

Respectfully Submitted,

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